

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Thursday, January 28, 2016.

Mayor Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Karen Ruff, Associate to the City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Jordan asked for a moment of silence in memory of residents Charles Ashurst and Terry Mangum and former residents Sally Robbins and JoAnn Wallace. Ms. Davis then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Putens requested the minutes of the work session of January 6, 2016, be removed from the consent agenda. With this change, it was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Herling that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Regular Meeting, December 14, 2015
Interview, January 4, 2016
Special Meeting, January 4, 2016
Interview, January 6, 2016
Approved as presented.

Committee Reports: Council accepted the Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report #2016-1 (Recognition Group Application).

Playground Surfacing – 1 Court Southway: Council approved the replacement of shredder rubber surfacing at the playground at 1 Court Southway with engineered wood fiber surfacing.

Reappointment to Advisory Group: Council reappointed Betty Timer to a new term on the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

Resignation from Advisory Group: Council accepted the resignation of Katia Cavigelli from the Youth Advisory Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Mach requested “Advisory Board Matters” be added to the agenda. With this addition, it was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Herling that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS: None

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, inquired about past executive sessions of Council regarding annexation and acquisition of real property.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

Minutes of Work Session, January 6, 2016: Mr. Putens requested the following clarifications be made to the minutes. On page 2, "Mr. Putens recommended a continuing services contract with the current part-time contractor to work on developing draft policies and procedures and an outline of the duties and responsibilities of a Volunteer Coordinator." On Page 3, "Mr. Putens inquired of Dr. Park as to the impact to CARES and its clients if the program were to be moved to another day." With these changes, it was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling that the minutes be approved. The motion passed 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Councilmembers complimented members of the Public Works and Police Departments for their efforts during the blizzard last week. They also complimented Beverly Palau, the City's Public Information and Communications Coordinator, for working with the Public Works and Police Departments throughout the blizzard and the recovery efforts and publishing regular informational updates on the website. Mr. McLaughlin thanked the residents for being prepared for the blizzard, working cooperatively with fellow residents, and for their patience during the recovery efforts. He also announced that the City was notified today that there will be FEMA reimbursements for the blizzard.

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, questioned why WMATA had offered only limited bus service within the City several days this week. Mayor Jordan explained that WMATA makes the determination on whether to run full service, limited service or no service routes. He mentioned Council has an upcoming work session with WMATA on February 3, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

LEGISLATION:

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Greenbelt Authorizing the Acquisition by Negotiated Purchase of Certain Real Property Known as 10-A Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland Which is Needed for a Public Purpose, Namely a Museum, for an Amount Not to Exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) Plus Related Costs

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis introduced the ordinance for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Ms. Mach seconded.

Mr. McLaughlin introduced Thomas Dwyer, executor of the Dwyer estate including 10-A Crescent Road. Council and Mr. McLaughlin thanked Mr. Dwyer for working with the City and making the process for acquisition of the property very smooth.

Mr. Putens mentioned the City's upcoming 80th Anniversary celebration next June and said it would be nice to have an event/ceremony with the Greenbelt Museum and the Dwyer family.

Steve Gilbert, President of Friends of Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), thanked Council and staff for their efforts on this acquisition.

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| ROLL CALL: | Ms. Davis | - | yes |
| | Mr. Herling | - | yes |
| | Ms. Mach | - | yes |
| | Ms. Pope | - | yes |
| | Mr. Putens | - | yes |
| | Mr. Roberts | - | yes |
| | Mayor Jordan | - | yes |

The ordinance was declared adopted (Ordinance No. 1343, Book 12).

Mr. Dwyer thanked Council, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and Mr. McLaughlin for making the sale of the property a very easy process. He mentioned his family ties to the City, and said it was very special to the family that the property will be used for Museum purposes.

Mr. Herling and Ms. Davis suggested a plaque recognizing the Dwyer family be considered at 10-A Crescent Road.

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Canine Turf for the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and the Greenbelt Dog Park from East Coast Surfacing of Rock Hall, Maryland at a Cost of \$20,940

Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Pope introduced the resolution for second reading and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Herling seconded.

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| ROLL CALL: | Ms. Davis | - | yes |
| | Mr. Herling | - | yes |
| | Ms. Mach | - | yes |
| | Ms. Pope | - | yes |
| | Mr. Putens | - | yes |
| | Mr. Roberts | - | no |
| | Mayor Jordan | - | yes |

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2039, Book 8).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, REPORT #2016-1 (GRANT PROPOSALS – 2016):
Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Jon Gardner, member of the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), reported that ACE had solicited grant proposals for up to \$500 each from the seven ACE core schools: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Dora Kennedy French Immersion School, Turning Point Academy, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He said after a review of the 33 proposals received from five schools totaling \$16,167, ACE is recommending 21 grant proposals totaling \$9,669.25 be approved for funding. Mr. Gardner advised the FY 2016 budget includes \$9,500 for the ACE Grants Program and ACE proposes to redirect \$169 into the grants program from other funds within the ACE budget.

Ms. Mach moved that Council approve the distribution of the 2016 ACE Grant Awards totaling \$9,669

as recommended by ACE in its Report #2016-1. Ms. Pope seconded.

Council complimented ACE on its work on the Grants Awards Program.

Ms. Davis noted that funding for some of the grant proposals (chairs and tables for a reading area and whiteboards for the physics classroom) should have been provided by Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). She said she was glad that ACE/City was able to provide the funding, but said it is PGCPS responsibility.

The motion passed 7-0.

STATE LEGISLATION: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

PG/MC 110 – Land Use Permit Review – Consolidation: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Craze explained that this bill would remove the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) from the review of certain permit applications related to zoning and subdivision. Instead, the County Department of Permits, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) would review and approve these permits. She noted Planning staff is concerned about the process proposed which would eliminate review by M-NCPPC trained planners who understand the complexity of the County's Zoning Ordinance and have experience reviewing complex plans and approval conditions.

Ms. Davis moved that Council oppose PG/MC 110. Mr. Putens seconded.

The motion passed 7-0.

PG/MC 111 – Land Use - Zoning Powers and Review: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Craze explained this bill would take the zoning powers of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals and vest them with the District Council. It is an effort to codify that the District Council has original jurisdiction over these matters, thus making the Planning Board subordinate to the District Council. She noted Planning staff's concerns with the bill.

Mayor Jordan said County Council Member Turner is aware of staff's concerns and has requested Council take no action on PG/MC 111 at this meeting.

After further discussion, Council suggested taking a position on the bill at the next meeting.

Ms. Davis moved to table PG/MC 111. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

PG 404 – County Disposable Bag Fee: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments. He noted that this item had been tabled at the last meeting.

Ms. Davis moved that Council take PG 404 off the table for discussion. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Moran explained that PG 404 is enabling legislation that would allow the County to impose a fee on retail establishments for the use of disposable plastic bags. He said if the bill passes, then the County will have to enact legislation (if they choose to do so) on how to implement the bag fee.

Ms. Pope moved that Council support PG 404. Ms. Mach seconded. The motion passed 6-1. (Roberts)

SB 57/HB 31 – Community Cleanup & Greening Act: Mayor Jordan read the agenda comments.

Ms. Davis moved that Council support SB 57/HB 31 with an amendment to reflect that revenues collected within a municipality are returned to that municipality. Ms. Pope seconded.

Ms. Mach requested that Council's letter of support note that the bill contains inconsistent use of the words "paper and plastic" throughout the document.

Mr. Roberts noted his opposition to the bill. He said instead of imposing a statewide bag fee, plastic bags should be banned.

The motion passed 6-1. (Roberts)

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the following events.

National Cooperative Business Association Event at National Press Club – Ms. Mach
Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Reception – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Clean Air Partners Board Meeting – Ms. Mach
National League of Cities Webinar Training – Ms. Mach
COG Air Quality Committee and Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee Joint Meeting – Ms. Mach
Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Event at Public Works – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens
District 22 11th Annual Reception/Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Celebration – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Herling
MML Legislative Committee Meeting – Ms. Davis
Darkness to Light Training Session – Ms. Davis and Ms. Mach
COG Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee Meeting – Ms. Davis
Friends of Greenbelt Museum Lecture – Ms. Davis
Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting – Ms. Davis
Roosevelt Center Merchants Association Meeting - Ms. Davis

ADVISORY GROUP MATTERS: Ms. Mach moved that Council: 1) appoint Sherry Burks to the Community Relations Advisory Board; and 2) accept the resignation of Jeannie Bellina from the Greenbelt Green Team. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Executive Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center, in accordance with the General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (4) of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland to consider a matter that concerns a proposal for a business to locate in the State.

Ms. Pope seconded.

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| ROLL CALL: | Ms. Davis | - | yes |
| | Mr. Herling | - | yes |
| | Ms. Mach | - | yes |
| | Ms. Pope | - | yes |
| | Mr. Putens | - | yes |
| | Mr. Roberts | - | no |
| | Mayor Jordan | - | yes |

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mach moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Putens seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held January 28, 2016."

Emmett V. Jordan
Mayor